



P.B.5818 - Patentlaan 2  
2280 HV Rijswijk (ZH)  
☎ +31 70 340 2040  
TX 31651 epo nl  
FAX +31 70 340 3016

Europäisches  
Patentamt

Zweigstelle  
in Den Haag  
Recherchen-  
abteilung

European  
Patent Office

Branch at  
The Hague  
Search  
division

Office européen  
des brevets

Département à  
La Haye  
Division de la  
recherche

Banzer, Hans-Jörg, Dipl.-Ing.  
Kraus & Weisert  
Patent- und Rechtsanwälte  
Thomas-Wimmer-Ring 15  
80539 München  
ALLEMAGNE

EINGEGANGEN

04. Okt. 2002

Patentanwälte  
KRAUS & WEISERT

Datum/Date

04.10.02

Zeichen/Ref./Réf.

12377EP/mz

Anmeldung Nr./Application No./Demande n°/Patent Nr./Patent No./Brevet n°.

02010235.6-2421-

Anmelder/Applicant/Demandeur/Patentinhaber/Proprietor/Titulaire

TAKATA CORPORATION

## COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits as an enclosure the European search report for the above-mentioned European patent application.

If applicable, copies of the documents cited in the European search report are attached.

☒ Additional set(s) of copies of the documents cited in the European search report is (are) enclosed as well.

The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division:

☒ abstract

☒ title

☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.

The following figure will be published together with the abstract:

1

## REFUND OF THE SEARCH FEE

If applicable under Article 10 Rules relating to fees, a separate communication from the Receiving Section on the refund of the search fee will be sent later.





DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.7)
A	EP 0 805 071 A (MST AUTOMOTIVE GMBH) 5 November 1997 (1997-11-05) * column 3, line 40 - column 4, line 33; figure 1 *	1-3	B60R21/26
A	US 5 429 386 A (MIHM JOSEPH J) 4 July 1995 (1995-07-04) * column 5, line 22 - column 6, line 16; figure 4 *	1-3	
A	US 5 924 728 A (ECKARDT WILLIAM R ET AL) 20 July 1999 (1999-07-20) * column 2, line 36 - column 3, line 13; figure 1 *	1-3	
			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.Cl.7)
			B60R F42B
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			
Place of search MUNICH		Date of completion of the search 24 September 2002	Examiner Lecomte, D
<b>CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS</b> X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document			

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT  
ON EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO.**

EP 02 01 0235

This annex lists the patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned European search report. The members are as contained in the European Patent Office EDP file on  
The European Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

24-09-2002

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date		Patent family member(s)	Publication date
EP 0805071	A	05-11-1997	DE	19618028 A1	06-11-1997
			BR	9703056 A	10-11-1998
			CA	2204423 A1	04-11-1997
			EP	0805071 A2	05-11-1997
			JP	10078298 A	24-03-1998
US 5429386	A	04-07-1995	DE	4419752 A1	08-12-1994
			JP	2636737 B2	30-07-1997
			JP	6344856 A	20-12-1994
US 5924728	A	20-07-1999	NONE		